

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1010

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ben Snapp upon being recognized as Youth of the Month at the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community and state leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such deserving person is Ben Snapp, who was recently recognized as Youth of the Month at the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Ben Snapp, age sixteen, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown for nine years; he is currently an eleventh-grade student at Morristown-Hamblen High School West, where his favorite subject is science; and

WHEREAS, Ben participates in a host of club programs, including head of class, gamesroom, gym, park activities, computers, torch club, library activities, sport leagues, career launch, the TEEN Center, field trips, steak and burger dinner, end of the summer blast, super auction, and lunch helper; his favorite area of the club is the gym, and his favorite activity is playing basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown afforded Ben the opportunity to witness a Tennessee Smokies game and has helped prepare him to graduate from high school and get a job; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and provide a safe place of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, the Youth of the Year honor has been the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members; it has evolved into a comprehensive leadership development program, which includes the Youth of the Month leadership recognition program; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Morristown, the Youth of the Month program recognizes members based on their attendance, participation, attitude, accomplishments, behavior, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Month participants such as Ben exemplify the critical impact of Boys & Girls Clubs on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Month program, Ben Snapp and other Youth of the Month participants are made aware of potentially hidden leadership abilities and their abilities are cultivated so they learn what it means to be a leader; and

WHEREAS, Ben Snapp's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Melanie Snapp and Art Snapp, his two brothers, and his four sisters; he is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START HERE – at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people such as Ben Snapp, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ben Snapp upon being named the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown Youth of the Month. We extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.